

**CLASS SPECIFICATION**  
**County of Fairfax, Virginia**

**CLASS CODE:** 3123

**TITLE:** NURSE PRACTITIONER

**GRADE:** S-27

**DEFINITION:**

Under general supervision, provides direct medical care services to adults, children, families and senior clients of various health and human services delivery programs and to adult and juvenile clients in County detention centers; performs physical examinations, laboratory work and diagnostic procedures; develops treatment plans, including prescribing medications; provides health education; and performs related work as required.

**DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CLASS:**

Not applicable.

**ILLUSTRATIVE DUTIES:**

Performs physical examinations and records findings in clients' records;  
Performs, orders and interprets laboratory work and diagnostic procedures;  
Assesses state of clients' health by obtaining medical, psychological and social histories;  
Confers with physicians on abnormal results requiring physician's intervention;  
Develops treatment plans, including prescribing medications, reviewing plans with clients to assess level of understanding;  
Monitors treatments as required;  
Refers clients to other health care providers;  
Provides health education, counseling and guidance to clients and families;  
Develops health education materials;  
Develops and presents various training and orientation programs for nursing personnel, health care providers and other agency staff members.

**REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:**

Knowledge of public health nurse practitioner theory and practice;  
Knowledge of various laboratory tests and diagnostic procedures;  
Knowledge of effects of prescribed medications and when their usage is indicated;  
Skill in obtaining histories and performing physical examinations, laboratory tests and diagnostic procedures;  
Ability to assess medical records and results of tests;  
Ability to communicate effectively with clients, medical professionals, health care professionals and citizens.

**EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS:**

Any combination of education, experience, and training equivalent to the following:  
Graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with a bachelor's degree in nursing; PLUS  
A master's degree in public health, community health nursing or other appropriate nursing specialty; PLUS

Depending upon area of assignment, may require one year of experience as a certified nurse practitioner.

**CERTIFICATES AND LICENSES REQUIRED:**

Certification from the Virginia State Board of Nursing as a Nurse Practitioner.

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